## BURNED ALIVE

Eighteen Men Perish at the Fair

By the Cold Storage House Fire.

Surrounded by Merciless Flames

They Leap to Sudden. Awful Death.

Cancagus, July 10. Paid admissions at the fair today 87,264. Carraco, July 10.-A flimsily constructed building, erected by the Hercudes from company of Chicago, used as a cold storage warehouse and ice skating rink, and situated near the Sixty fourth street entrance to the exposition grounds. hurned to the ground in a little over one hour this afternoon, sending to death, as far as it is known at midnight, at least eighteen men and injuring nineteen

The full extent of the death wrought may never be known as the building collapsed totally in so short a time after the ere started, that many people who intered hoping to render aid before the peril, under which they were placing themselves, was realized were caught themselves, was realized were caught like rats in a trapand went unannounced to their doom. It is said that but four Polombian guards are missing, but there are many vacancies in the different companies scattered about the grounds and heir captains, while refusing to commit houselves, fear that their men have been cremited. The following is a list of those who met death, the missing and he injured:

Dead and Injured. Dead: Capt James Fitzpatrick, acting chief Columbian fire department;
Leutenant Molter, truck 18; John McBride, driver company No. 8; William
Denning, truckman company No. 8;
unknown American, initials "H. W." or

Missing Captain Garvey, fire company No. 1; Captain Page, fire company No. 3; Lieutenant Purves, fire company No. 3; Phil Breen, pipeman, company No. 8; Lieutenant Freeman, company No. 1; John Smith, pipeman, company No. 2; Paul Schroeder, truckman, company No. 8; Sergeant Donalson, Golumbian guard; four Columbian guards; H. Strand, company No. 4. Columbian guards; Henry Geeindeig, foreman of

Fatally injured: W. O. Mahoney, ladderman company No. 1, internally and legs and feet frac-

Captain William Barry, fire company No. 8, right hand amputated, Frank Belenberg, fireman, hands hadly burned; Sig Needrum, fireman, leg burned and body bruised; Lewis Frank, tirena o, turned face and body; M. Murray, guard, asphysiated, but recovering; John Davis, guard, hands burned, W. C. Fisher, face and head burned; William Lynch, scalp wounds; T. J. Donahou, hands burned; G. S. Hamin, bartly scalded and head crushed; G. B. French, right leg injured; Fred Goetz, right hip injured. Frank Faulkner, fire man, sprained arkles, Captain Kennedy, company No. 3, hands and face burned; Mrs. E. Moore, face and hands burned; H. Breckenridge, Columbian guard, company 25, lived at Fincustle, Va. slipped down a line of hose, hister-ing both hambs, James Kenyon, marshal Twelfth battalion, left leg cut by wirry were burned off, not serious; Magtic Kimball Columbian guard, company 5 lived at St. Paul, both hands byened and left leg sprained; William Lenhan deiver of engine 3, fell from Marry Columbian guard, asphyxiated; recurrent after treatment at the hospital: George Paris, fireman engine company 6, hands and arms blistered; four

officer firemen, hands builty burned,

tented at emergency hospital and taken away by their friends before their names

Death has never done such swift and chastly work at a fire in Chicago since the lack days of October, 1871. The laures of the spectacle will forever remirrie of many thousands of men and women who gived upon it. It was inwhich the rictims were seen to fall into a furnace of blazing timber and other inflammable material. Doesla of heroished and those who live to green over their lost correctes. The Columbian grandemen were not lacking in bravery and devotion to duty in the hour of danger and even in the face of death. There is mourning within the White city tonight for the blackened rem sants of human beings full of life and hope yesterday, are lying beneath the water sounced wrick or stretched out in the avegue outside the gates. The loss of the property will probably amount to over \$6.0.40 but nobedy, except those who have enforced ficancially, a think-ing of the money less, when fire and around the scotte of true are evidenteen of the expection's deadly baptism of

The san was shining its brightest from a blue sky at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon and the pleasure enting public passed under the shadow of the cold strongs surebonne. Suckherly a bey, William Shoppard one of the guide took publister, are a tengen of flame escaping from the cupols, or observatory tower which forms the thumbs section of the gurehouse, from the ground to that that flame there were eighty feet of

The boy gave the clares, and in a few minutes the andirecting become from for station at 1500 and the terminal depot, came dushing stone with licentract sugine and bern. sitted, and many aims' occup to re-

main roof made the work of the firemen hazardous and slow from the outset. Before the firemen got to work several painters, electric lightmen and others employed in the building ascended by the elevators to the main roof, and afterwards climbed up the spiral stairmes, which was built around the great death trap of a smokestack until they reached the balcony underneath the burning cupols. They found the flames had gone too far to be smothered by the chemicals at hand.

Ordered to Death.

They waited for the firemen to join them, thinking they could be of assistance. Captain Harkness of the guards ordered Sergeant Douglas to take eight men up to the biazing tower and aid the firemen. The sergeant gave his superior officer one look, such a one as the officers of the Light Brigade at Balakelava may have given the commanding general when he gave the order to charge into the mouths of the roaring Russian cannon. But the sergeant went and eight guards followed to do their duty. By a strange chance all are alive tonight to teil the tale and mourn the loss of brave comrades.

comrades.

Not so the firemen. They went out on the roof and hauled up the hose with repes to the first story of the tower on the east and south sides of the wale house. Others rushed up the spiral stairway to the landing next the biazing tep and lowered ropes on three sides for the men below to attach the hose to Until this the fire resembled the flaming mouth of a small blast furnace and at a distance there seemed to be no danger. mouth of a small blast furnace and at a distance there seemed to be no danger menacing the brave men at work hundreds of feet in the air. The experienced eye of Chief Murphy in command of the world's fair tire department failed to suspect any risk to his men when he ordered them to go up to the tower, below the blaze.

But he sent them nearly all to a death, the horror and agony of which no huican tongue or pen can describe. Those few moments of realization that flames surrounded them above and below, followed by their last act in life, must have been as an eternity of hell to every soul A sixteen foot ladder was placed from the first section of the tower to the the first section of the lower to the landing on which the men were, but no one thought of running a big ladder from the main roof to the lower as as to connect with the small ladder. Without a thought of the fate which was soon to overtake them, the thirty old men outside the lower were at work on the east and much wide. and south sides.
All this time the flames were burning

through the larger section of the tower beneath them. The first intimation of danger came to the victims when smoke appeared under them, and as the wind biew it into their faces they retreated in an orderly body around the landing to the north side of the tower with the exception of one man, a painter, who slid down the hose which had been brought up to the south side of the tower. It may be that more would have taken this apparently sure and safe means of escape had it not been for the smoke, which seemed to envelope them. It seemed as if the victims changed positions because they feared flames would soon follow the smoke which they saw. Death quickly came to put an end to suspense and agony.

Surrounded by Flames.

feet of frame work which surrounded the cast iron shaft that pierced the tower below the men. Quick as a flash, like a band of molten gold, flames burst through the square to just underneath the imprisoned men on all sides. The gold letters, "Herecules Ice Skating Rink and Cold Storage Warehouse," around them the flames circulated and raised to mock and torture the poor wretches to whom the eyes of thousands were lurned. In a few seconds the im-prisoned ones felt the scorehing fire coming, and with one impulse of self preservation the men moved quickly to where the ropes were attached at the sorthwest corner.

They could not look down and see the dames because of the projecting cor-aices, but they knew where the ropes were. There they stood huddled to-gether, some without their coats, others hatless, and all preparing to save them-selves if they could. The man nearest the rope grasped it and descended. But for only a dozen feet. The flames had no mercy, the rope was burned in two, and with feet downward, the first victim shot through the air to the main roof. He turned partially over before he struck and bounded up as if dead. A great cry came from the thousands on the ground.

Fighting for the Rope.

Strong men wept and became hysteri-cal. They cried aloud for God to save those poor souls peaned between flames. They got on their knees and prayed to God that all might not perish. Women could be seen everywhere fainting and wringing their hands, burying or turning away their faces and crying hysterically at the aickening scene.

An intramural train facing the fiery

spectacle had to be stopped because some of the women on board fainted and became hysterical. But worse was to follow worse. No sooner had one man atruck the roofthan another leaped from the tower before the horrified gaze of the spectators. His body kept straight feet down until near the roof when he the spectators. His body kept straight feet down until near the roof whom he turned a somersault and a second cry of horror came from thousands of throats. The two ropes on the north side of the tower where the doomed men were had died at the sige were almost useless for the saving of life, yet for the first possession of the corner one, at least ten toucht as anywer beauty.

fought as savage beasts.

They only prolonged their consciousness of life for all were doomed to dis. yet they struggled to catch at anything which seemed to hold out a chance to leap and live. One by one they dropped from the tower, some clinging to the burning tope as far as it afforded them any hold and then shooting through a solid sheet of flame to the roof.

Death of the Last Hero.

The sight was too much for even the military men, who stood firm enough the ground, to bear without a shudder and a throug away of faces. Human forms leaping through flames a hundred feet or more down, down to sure death, presented a sight the sturdiest heart could not witness unmoved. The last man on that tower dead the heroes death among all these heroes who faced the furdace below them. He had watted, without apparent fear, until there was only bimself left like Casa-bainia, who stood on the burning deck. He was a freman and he grasped the remmark of the burning rose past as the whole towar structure parted diagonally and fell north, right over the prostrate bodies of the poor fellows which all leaped

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flumes and air was so great that his body was turned round and round in the passage within sight of all, and the biazing tower fell over his form, making a funeral pyre and ending his agony, if he was not dead before striking the

Another victim remained on the tower until the flames from below had burned his legs so that the flesh turned backwards. When the tower toppied over there was no hope of saving any who had not been taken off the roof. The bodies on striking had become imbedded pearly three feet in the gravel and tar between the wooden joists and only a few could be removed to a place of safety before the great central tower crashed over.

The most sublime deed of heroism in the tragic hour was performed by three firemen in an attempt to save the life of their superior officer whom they loved. Capt. James Fitzpatrick, the assistant fire chief at the fair. He was on the roof when the tower fell over without warning and his less was broken, besides being crushed by falling timbers. Being on the east side of the roof he thought he was in no immediate danger as a truck ladder was close to the edge ready for any emergency. The captain crawled towards the edge of the roof already on fire and held out his hand in a mute appeal for help. The hand which is now stilled in death was seen by Captain Kennedy, of hook and ladder No. 5. He and two of his men climbed up the ladder, fighting their way through the fiames, while three streams of water were turned on the brave men to keep their clothing from catching from fire and their skin peeling off.

The fiery gauntlet was run unfinchingly to the top. Captain Kennedy climbed over into what seemed a bed of tame, but he reappeared in a few secon Is dragging the body of Captain Fitzpatrick. A rope was fastened about the unconscious and dying captain's body, and with difficulty he was lowered to the ground, enveloped in flames, hurled partly back by streams of water.

It Was Too Late.

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The noble rescue, although it only resulted in saving the captain's body from further mutilation by fire, was watched by thousands of people in breathless suspense and rewarded by a mighty cheer when the body reached the ground to be tenderly laid on a stretcher and borne to the hospital in the ambulance. But the doctors shook their heads doubtfully when the burned and broken form was carried in. The and broken form was carried in. The captain never recovered consciousness and died at 9 o'clock. Denning died soon after being brought to the hospital from his burns and other injuries.

Both bodies were taken to the Hyde Park morgue, where the inquest will begin tomorrow.

Searching for Bodies.

As soon as the ruins were cooled sufficiently by the firemen, the work of searching for bodies began.

The first body was taken from the smoking mass about 6:30. It was evidently a fireman, as a blue shirt covered the trunk, which was all that was found of the unfortunate. A short time later two more were taken from the ruins. Under one of the bodies was foun labroken sword, a mute informer of its wearer's identity, a Columbian guard. The other body was of course unrecognizable, as it was formace. of course unrecognizable, as it was charred to a cinder. Two more bundles of flesh were discovered at short inter-In all six bodies, horribly burned. were taken out by 10 o'clock, when operations were stopped for the night on beams and iron columns and the absence

President Palmer was so affected by the scene at the holacaust that he was compelled to go to his hotel in a carriage and be treated by a doctor, national commission was to have met at 3 o'clock, but it never did. The board of lady managers was in session when a message came by telephone that 70 fire-men and others had been burned to death. The women forgot all about judges and jealousies and made a frantic rush for the doors.

Aid From Chicago.

Chief Sweeney of the Chicago fire dedepartment came up early, followed by Chief of Police McClaughrey. Both the chiefs gave wint assistance they could. City police officers were sent from Woodlawn, Fiftieth street and Hyde park stations to help the guards and firemen, but they were almost compelled to fight their way through the gates. The in-spectors and gatemen of admission refused to admit them, and one of the officers in plain clothes was forced to pay 50 cents to get in. The fire burned to the ground 400 feet of the exposition fence south of the Sixty-eighth etceet gates, carrying in its work of destruction electric wires and cables for all kinds of service. Superintendent Tucker of the department of admissions said the lum-ber for a new fence had been ordered

and would be in position tomorrow.

All the Sixty fourth gates were closed after the fire. Tonight the gap in the fence is being patrolled by guards and men from the department of admissions. The fire partly burned nearly all the buildings on the west side of Stony Island avenue, between Sixty and avenue, but and avenue are sixty and are sixty and avenue are sixty and avenue are sixty and are sixty and avenue are sixty and are sixty and are sixty are sixty and and avenue between Sixty fourth and grounds will not amount to more than

Feared an Explosion

The foreign commissioners and United States army officers acted promptly in regard to furnishing men for guard duty during the highth of the excitement, which almost reached a panic when it was feared the blazing wreck of the wooden shell would explose on account of the ammonia stored there and the boilers. But the word was soon passed around that the ammonia was in acid form. All the men of the Third infantry U.S. A., on duty in the exposition camp, the French marine corps, the Spanish military guard and Buffalo Bill's cowbeys reinforced the SO guards and uniformed guides.

The ambulance and hospital which worked in order and effectively until the inflammable towering masshad become a smeking black rule, a hideous distigarement on the fair landscape of the White city. Later in the day the most effective cordon around the ruins was formed by immense pools of water from bursted pipes, hydrants and hose. This served the firemen in good stead when they were sugaged in waking the debris and pulling away blackened tim-ber to get at the leslies of the victims, or what regained of them.

Ton Overcome to Talk Director General Duvis, President Palmer\_Colonel Blee and Director of Works Hoveman were early on the to may much on the spot. The director general stard with blanched face like Napoleon at Waterlos, when all was lost

ments to have their immediate wants supplied.

A cold storage on the grounds was necessary. Colonel Davis said, and he intimated that the concession to the Hercules Iron company would be taken from them. He complimented the foreign commissioners and others who had preffered their physical forces and their services in obtaining subscriptions for the families of the victims.

Colonel Rice's Cristicism.

Colonel Rice said little, but that little went a long way. "This is the result of the reduction in the force of guards by the administration. If the two guards who were taken from the warehouse last week had been there they could have extinguished the fire with the chemicals at hand as they have come before in the same place. The guards were there to take precautions against fire, because of the dangerous construction of the building."

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In an interview tenight Chief Sweeney said that the probable cause of the explosions which wrecked the tower was

plosions which wrecked the tower was the ammonia used in the manufacture of ice, and that while those who handle these chemicals maintain otherwise, he was certain that the ammonia exploded. The chimney he said, which passed up through the tower was not bricked up and to that defect was due the beginning of the claze. The chief tenight received telegrams of sympathy from the Minneapolis and Toledo fire departments, the latter containing a subscription of \$100.

The Storage House.

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The warehouse, engines and the ice making plant, which were the property of the Hercules Iron company of Chicago, represented an expenditure of \$500,000. There were three engines which cost \$00,000, each operated by three immense boilers, now exposed. The ice making machinery was turning out 100,000 tons of ice a day. In the center of the building under the towers was the engine house. On the south side was the ice making department, on the north side the cold storage, on the north sides of the second, third and fourth floors were also devoted storage, on the north sides of the second, third and fourth floors were also devoted to cold storage. On the south side of the third floor were the offices of the company, and on the south side of the fourth floor the sleeping rooms for employes, 30 or 40 of whom remained in the building at night. When the fire broke out there were 50 or sixty men and boys in the building as employes of the company, but all essixty men and boys in the building as employes of the company, but all ercaped, with the possible exception of one boy, who is missing. On the fifth floor were the ice skating rink and cafe, both of which were to have been opened in two days. In the cold atorage vaults were a stock of vegetables, fruit, wines, liquors, fruit and dairy products, valued at \$140,000, all of which is destroyed.

The death tran shaft which pierced

Their Dexterity Tacir Death. Two hours after the extent of the calamity was known 82,400 had subscribed for the benefit of the fam ilies of the fallen herces. The fund will grow tomorrow when it becomes known that such a list is being passed around. The guards arrested many persons in various parts of the grounds who were taking up subscriptions, ostensibly for the benefit of the bereaved families. Engine Company No. 1 the accredited star organization of the fair, this morning boasted a membership of twelve men. They were the first to arrive at the burning building. They ran to the tower, taking ropes with them, waiting for other arrivals to bring their hose to attach the hempen strings. For fifteen minutes the brave fellows were up there being reinforced every minute by other arrivals and just as the first lead of hose

reached them, their doom came.

The cold blooded field was upon pushed the button of a kodak while the doomed men were huddled together on the northeast corner of the blazing tower, just previous to taking their ter-rible leap for life; the man with the camera appeared on the platform of the elevated road. He rested his box upon the railing, and after deliberate aim, photographed the men, many of whom were already hanging from the corner.

Fiend With a Kodak.

He took three or four snapshots as the men were dropping and then walked away to a more advantageous place.
The act was witnessed by many people, who hissed the perpretator of the cold blooded act, and loudly declaimed his

penurious instincts.

As soon as the bodies were recovered Coroner McHale carefully gathered up the charred and blackened pieces, and placing the remains of each separate individual in a granysack, sent them to Roiston's morgue. The first body taken to the morgue was that of a fireman. supposed to be Frank Denning, of Truck No. 18. He was badly burned, and was taken to the world's fair hospital, where he died in a short time. He is the only victim found up to 9 o'clock who can be positively identified. The five other bodies are unrecognizable masses of burned flesh and bones. The only property found is a woman's small silver watch and a fireman's badge. Nothing whatever was found on the other bodies by which they

At the Engine House,

At the little white fire station between machinery hall and the forminal station, the remnants of Company D gathered to rest themselves after their terrible day's work on the lower floor of the building. The company at 150 numbered twelve men; tonight just one half that number were present, Capt. Thomas it Barry was reported as being in the emergency hespital suffering from serious internal injuries; his brave followers, "Phil" Breen, Paul Schroeder sni William Donning were dead. John Cahill was thought to be under the pale of blackened debris which occupied the space where but a few hours ago the handsome rold storage building was standing. John McHrole, the derver of the truck, was in the hospital, but his comrades could not speak of him for his e uries were thought to be fatal. The brave freeman had made the jump with his follows, and while not going to instant doubt, was stonly being torinted out of existence. But the poor f-flow's legs and one arm were broken in several places, and he was built burnted about the board.

as the only possible chance of saving their lives, and landed on the tar and gravelled roof, only to be so saidly embedded in the sticky, yielding composition that they could not have extricated themselves had they been granted the strength to do so. Thus imprisoned in this quicksand and on the the roof, they were held firmly until the upper floor crashed upon them and sent them down in the fiery furnace undermenth. The survivors of the company who were lucky enough to escape with coats burned off their backs, were too unsettled from the horrifying ordeal to give any further detail and Captain Hyams asked that the men be allowed to rest for the rest of the evening. C. B. Moore and wife of Omaha, Nebraska, roomed in the ill-fated structure. A gentleman had an engagement with Mr. Moore at half past one this afternoon. He was seen tonight and said that he had met Mr. Moore just as the fire had broke out and that the latter had gone up stairs to see what the damage would be.

This was the last seen of Mr. Moore. His wife was there also, and as the caller left, the lady started upstairs. A woman was seen on the roof after the fire had gained great headway and she was injured by falling while attempting to come down a ladder. Mrs. Moore was taken out of the grounds, but nothing has been heard of her husband and he is still among the missing and

and he is still among the missing and thought to be dead. While the bulk of the fire fighting force was engaged in their hazardous work, in the doomed building, a scene of great bravery was enacted on a little shed between the barn and the color shed between the barn and the color department in the rear of the cold storage building, directly in the path of the not air and dense smoke swept southward by the wind. Capt. William J. S nderson, of the Columbian guard, as asted by ten of his company, Engine Company No. 59 from the Stock Yards and several willing visitors, had placed three leads of hose upon the shed and in the midst of a storm of fire and smoke stoof their ground fighting like demons to keep the fire from the paint shop filled with inflamable paints, varuishes and filmsy material used in decorations.

What Might Have Been.

Had the fire reached the paint shop it would have quickly spread to the storehouse of the Wellington Catering company, and from there would have been no balking the progress of the destructive element until it had burned its way through the train sheds and dairy barns to the south edge of the park. The men stood their ground for an hour, and after seeing their object achieved, retired with blistered and burned faces and hands.

The Dominion of Canada loses about \$3.500 by the fire. Three hundred boxes of fine cheese, a large quantity of roots and vegetables, and some large Restigouche river salmon belonging to the government, were stored in the building and were, of course, a total loss.

Chicago, July 10.—George S. Mott, acting president of the American Sabbath union, has addressed a communication to the World's Columbian commission requesting that body to order the gates of the exposition closed on Sundays, believing that the directory will obey such a mandate without quibbling. He says that the matter is now a question of obedience to law.

BODIES IN THE ROAD.

Dead Cholera Victims at Meeca Lie

Unburied. ALEXANDSIA, July 10.-The Egyptian medical delegate to Mecca gives a horrible account of the condition of pilgrims in that city. The deaths from cholera are double the number officially reported. In the valley of Mouna it is impossible to bury the dead, and the road between Mecca and Mouna is strewn with the corpses of pilgrims left to lie where they died. In Mecca the lack of gravediggers has resulted in bodies lying for many days in a state of decomposition before

ODESSA, July 10.-The cholera ha broken out again in the province of Kherson, and is spreading in the villages along the Dnieper and Dniester. The authorities, by stringent measures, hope to prevent the plague from reaching

HAMBURG, July 10 .- The official remade public today, show that the health conditions are good. There are no fears of cholera, but the heat is intense.

TOO MUCH LAND.

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DENVER, July 10.-The Chamberlain Investment company made an assign ment this morning to Lewis C. Ellsworth. This action was precipitated by the acatta hed the property last week for an indebtedness of \$3,662,50.

The liabilities are \$1,112,108.20 and the assests \$2,040,691.45. An opitome of the accounts is furnished by the company as follows: Assets, property list, \$812 112 47; stocks, \$1,050,281.51; bills re ceivable, \$523,431.54; accounts receivable, \$49,667.53; furniture, \$5,000; total, \$2,000,001.45. Liabilities, debentures, \$572. 000; falls payable, \$617,301.42; accounts payable, \$270,860,80; certificate of de-posit, \$2,003.08; total \$1,112,188.30.

The principal outside liability is the Chamberlain Investment company's ten year debenture surety bonds to the Franklin Trust company of Brooklyn, New York, \$202,000. There are a number of eastern creditors, although the heaviest liabilities are in Denver. The company is heavily involved in real estate deals in Texas and Puget Sound cities, which swamped it.

Following the assignment of the hamberlam Investment company came the appointment of a receiver for the Liabeler Stove company. This action was taken on a motion on A. W. at-H. B. Chamberlain, who were represented by H. D. Ingersell, attorneys James Brown appearing for the store company. Plaintiffs represented that they had emborsed notes for the defends aut company to the amount of \$25,000 and that the company was indebted to various parties to the amount of \$30,000.

SHAVER MASS MEETING Colorado Mine Owners to Have a Monster Denemstration.

Desven, July 10. The state silver mass meeting, to be held in this city to morrow, promises to be the beggest consention ever held in this city. mining camp and town in the state will send big delegations, President E. B. Andrews of Brown university has so cepted the invitation to speak at the The men had unde the terrible leap , meeting in the Broadway theater to

CLEVELAND, July 10.—The first perperformance of the National Spenger feet will be given in this city tomorrow night. It will be a reception concert tendered by the local singing socities to the visitors. There will be an address by Governor McKinley, who will extend to the visitors the welcome of the atate. Mayor Blee will extend to them the freedom of the city, and after that there will be one or two addresses in German by the leading Germans. The city is already througed by the visitors. The Macmierchor from Memphis arrived this morning.

Dekrea Bank Serpends.

Jantsrows, N. D., July 10.—This morning Lloyd's National bank announced that owing to the financial stringency and inability to realize on its securities, the bank would have to suspend business. The capital stock is \$100,000. The deposits are said to be about \$220,000, with assets double the liabilities at greatly depreciated values. It is believed that the bank will pay depositors in full.

Longshoremen's Convention.

Sacaraw, Mich., July 10.—Over eighty delegates from the ports on the great lakes are in attendance here at the second annual convention of the national association of a longshoremen, which meets for a week's session. A membership of 6,000 is represented, and it is proposed to make the association international so as to admit members from Canada. An insurance feature will probably also be added. The local branch will entertain the visiting delegates at a social session tomorrow evening. Among the noted persons present are l'resident O'Keefe of the Chicago union; President Webber, of the Milwaukee union, and President McFudden, of Duluth.

Says Jerry Is Loony.

Washington, July 10.—In reply to a story published that Jerry Simpson and the populists and ailver men in the house of representatives were proposing a combination with republicans to elect Julius Cresar Burrows of Michigan, speaker, Mr. Burrows telegraphs to the Washington Post as follows:

Lansing, Mich. July 9.—Regarding your telegram will say that my friend, Jerry Simpson, has been suspected of entertaining some strange delusions, but this last reported hallucination will, I fear, expose him to the charge of lunacy.

(Signed), J. C. Burrows.

Age and Youth Unite.

Minroup Mich., July 10.—Milford had an elopement. Last Friday night Edward Thornhill, of Thornhill Bros., left town. So did the 18-year old daughter of Stephen Armstrong. She told her parents that she was going to spend the night with a lady friend. Saturday morning she didn't return home and her parents were considerably worried over her absence. During the day, however, a dispatch was received from the two from Holly telling the girl's folks not to worry as they would be back within a worry as they would be back within a week or ten days. Thornhill was a bachelor, 57 years of age and quite wealthy.

Four Are Guilte.

ALPENA, Mich., July 10.—Vogler, Fuhrman and Jambs are guilty of the murder of Albert Molitor. The case was given to the jury last Saturday night at 8 o'clock and three hours later a verdict of murder in the first degree was returned. The prisoners will be sentenced later on. In all probability the trial of Repke, the self-confessed murderer, will now be taken up. This makes four men convicted, Grossman having been sent to Jackson for life last January.

Freight Wrecked at Flint

FLINZ, Mich., July 10.—A Chicago & Grand Trunk freight train broke in two near the eastern limits of this city at 10 o'clock last night. The rear section disastrone results. Six cars were de-molished and the contents, consisting of machinery for the new thread mills here and merchantise, were more or less damaged. The accident caused a heavy loss and delayed traffic eight hours.

Weary Wealthy Farmer.

Benouros, Mich., July 10.-James Abrams, a prominent and well-to-do farmer living two miles east of here, arose from bed at to clock this morning and committed suicide by shooting him-self in the head, dying instantly. The act was committed while he was labor ing under temporary aberation of the

Hold Up at Montague.

Monraces, Mich., July 10. Last evening about 9:30 o'clock as J. W. White was going home from his place of business three men held him up and robbed him of about \$13 in cash, broke his watch chain, but did not get his

Hurt in a Runaway.

ADELAN, Mich., July 10.—W. H. Wald-by, wife and daughter Bertha, were thrown out of their carriage while driv-ing last night. Mr. Waldby's wrist and Mrs. Waldby's ankle were broken.

State News in Brief.

W. H. Toplin of Benton Harbor captured a burgiar Saturday night just as he entered the house. The robber gave the name of Henry Moore.

rowing to the world's fair in an aluminium shell, is being entertained by the Wayondetto boat cinh.

F. G. Apply of Rhode Island, who is

The fast freight from Chicago to Ish-peming left the track at Wallace Satur-day night and instantly killed the engi-neer, Charles Cook.

The Chicago & Northwestern has laid off a number of even at Lecanaba, because the iron shipments have dribbied away to nothing.

The French are already considering a site for the international exhibition of 1900. The suburb of Vincennes seems to be most in favor, though the objec-tion is made that it is too far out from the city. So that it may be that the site of the exposition of 1880 will uitimately be selected.

The maxim about genius being adults expucits for taking pains my believer in Henry Trying, who will o the wisps that ever led men astray the aforesaid theory was "the

Ionia Convicte Attempt to Escape.

Make a Wild Rush for the Walls.

Melliot Killed, Eagnu Shot Down.

Balance Clubbed Into Submission.

Iosta, Mich., July 10. The most

daring attempt at escape ever under at the state house of correction was perpetrated this morning at 220 o clock.

The leaders were five of the most desperate uses in the institution, several of them having more than state wide natoriety as hardened and dangerous criminals. Those who had reached the wall were: Oscar Midler, a seven-years man sent from Detroit a curning and form ent from Detroit, a cunning and fearman sent from Detroit; William En a fifteen years man sent from Grand Rapids for manslaughter; Michael Lynch sent from Delroit, who has specif a large share of his life inside of prisse walls, and William Smith sent from Detroit, a sly one who once before made an es-

Two tinners from N. Kenyon's had been at work on shop 21, on the west side of the prison yards, repairing conductor pipes. They had 'wo long ladders placed against the roof.

The convicts were at work in the different shops, and the guard around the institution had been doubled this morning, Warden Parell having discovered that something was brewing among the convicts.

At 9:302Convict William Smith, a tough character, left the shop and was followed by more. They went out and around the building to the west aids, took the ladders and placed them against the west wall, which was about ten rods.

distant.

The guard having been doubled. Teacher Gourley was stationed near the shop. When he saw the convicts acting in this unusual manner he ordered them back, and they not obeying, he fired a shot from his revolver into the ground. This did not affect the desperate conricts who were bound to escape. He fired twice more without effect.

Passing of Miller.

Smith, calling to his followers to break, was at the foot of the inddes when the shot was fired, and this signalled the other officers about the yard who ran to the scene, and a life and

death struggle ensued.

Warden Parsell was in the near vicinity at the time of the outbreak, as was Deputy Warden Rowley. The first convict to mount the ladder was Oscar Miller, an eight year man. Miller had nearly reached the top of the ladder when Guard Thomas Mitchell fired a shot, the ball entering Miller's gide, going clear through his body. Death

back into the gard. In the meantime a terrible riot was going on. Smith, the leader of the up risens, was all the time niging the convicts on. The prison officials knocked the ladder down and had the best of the situation from the start. Smith, who had a hammer, dealt a murderous blow at Deputy Warden Rowley, who saved his life by dodging. As Rowley dodged this blow he struck Oscar Jones a blow in the head. The wound caused concussion of the brain, and he caused live.

Another of the injured was Wm. Ea-gan, who is serving fifteen years sentence from Grand Rapids for manufaughtee.

That the attempt to scale the walls was prearranged was very evident figure the fact that five of the leaders were armed with different dangerous weapons. Miller, who was shot, was armed with a billy, which was a villianous looking Three hammers and a round stone the

size of a hea's egg were also used by the other four follows. One of them threa the stone at Mr. Gourley. The stone the stone at Mr. Gonriey. The stone was thrown with nurderous intent and just graved the side of his head.

Seventy five or a hundred convicts stopped work as soon as they waw. Smith and his pale leave the building and it is generally supposed that had the first few been successful and scaled the walls the rest would have followed.

Justice Corry was notified of the death of Miller and a jury was sum-moned as follows: T. M. Nesbitt, H. B. Wobber, M. Garrity, Elliah S. Weich, C. K. Calkins, W. H. Maxwell

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Engan was the first witness sween.
He did not know much about the affair,
and the principal point brought out by
his testimony was that the first he knew
that the break was to be made was about
fifteen minutes previous to the
time they walked out. Lynch, another
convict that started out, but who was
finally ordered back, knew no more than
Engan.

This afternoon Smith, the ringleader, was sworn. He was very ignorant of anything that transpired. When asked how long he had known that this attempt was to be made, he said the first he knew about it was when he saw the others wasking out, and then he fellowed and thought be would take his chance with the rest in assaying. Smith, Eagan and Lunch were placed in the solitory. Jones has not required constitut. Eagan also had a land out or his head. The inquest was adjusted to Weibnesday.

lows. Mich. July 16.—Col. J. B. Mitchell was elected captain of the milk lary company organized here tonight to take the place of Company G. mintered cont. Due Lewisses is first denterant and T. Stressermater assemblications. The company will be mustored in an even I.